

Special Issue

Structural Rheology of Polymer Melts, Solutions and Compositions on Their Base

Message from the Guest Editor

Rheology is the branch of sciences dealing with considering the response of polymer system on action of mechanical field. Knowledge of this response is important for polymer processing and polymer physics. In the first case, rheological parameters play the key role in estimation of processing regimes at production of plastics, films, fibers, composites, etc. In the second case, rheology “feels” structural transformations occurring with macromolecular conformations, orientation in space, interaction between them and other species presenting in melts or solutions, including micro- and nanoparticles (emulsions and suspensions), formation of aggregates and associates, as well as phase and relaxation transitions. In spite of the fact, that rheology is not structural method, it indicates on structural changes and sometimes combined with direct physical methods: optical, neutron-, X-ray-scattering, etc., and this combination makes us understand dipper structure and morphology of the nascent systems and their evolution at flow. The special issue aims at the tasks where rheology serves as an indicator of structural transformations appearing under action of stresses and strains.

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